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Relevant portions of cited reference JP 2002-125721A are described in the specification of the above-referenced application at page 5, paragraph 0011 to page 6, paragraph 0014.

Relevant portions of cited reference JP 2002-42100A are described in the specification at page 7, paragraphs 0015 to 0016.

In addition, the European Search Report dated March 12, 2008 for the corresponding European Application Number 04771974.5 and the International Search Report dated November 4, 2004 for the corresponding PCT Application Number PCT/JP2004/012013 are enclosed.

It is requested that the Examiner consider these documents and officially make them of record in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. By identifying the listed documents, Applicant in no way makes any admission as to the prior art status of the listed documents, but is instead identifying the listed documents for the sake of full disclosure.

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